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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 10, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, **Group I** (claims 1-7, 9, 10, 15-32, 39, 48, 62, 63, 68-74), drawn to a method for attenuating expression of a target gene in a vertebrate cell. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submit that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

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